

## CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

5 *1035,315,796*  
*sub 1* 1. A wooden post protective sleeve for protecting a lower end of a wooden post from rotting while positioned within a hole in a ground area while also making <sup>*Functional*</sup> insertion into and removal from the hole easier comprising, in combination:

10 a collar having a generally rectangular configuration, the collar having an open upper end, a closed lower end, and four surrounding side walls, the open upper end being dimensioned for receiving the lower end of the wooden post therein, the four surrounding side walls each having an <sup>*17b*</sup> <sup>*17a*</sup> <sup>*(3)*</sup> <sup>*140*</sup> aperture therethrough downwardly of the open upper end, the apertures being dimensioned for receiving wood screws therethrough for engaging the lower end of the wooden post, the closed lower end having a plurality of <sup>*(4)*</sup> drainage apertures therethrough, the drainage apertures including a central aperture and four corner apertures, the collar being <sup>*140*</sup> <sup>*not parts of arrangement of parts*</sup>

20 fabricated of plastic.

✓ *Sue wall*  
25 2. A wooden post protective sleeve for protecting a lower end of a wooden post from rotting while positioned within a hole in a ground area while also making <sup>*Functional*</sup> insertion into and removal from the hole easier comprising, in combination:

a collar having an open upper end, a closed lower end, and a surrounding side wall, the open upper end being dimensioned

for receiving the lower end of the wooden post therein, the surrounding side wall having a plurality of apertures therethrough downwardly of the open upper end, the apertures being dimensioned for receiving wood screws therethrough for engaging the lower end of the wooden post, the closed lower end having a plurality of drainage apertures therethrough, the drainage apertures including a central aperture and four peripheral apertures, the collar being fabricated of plastic.

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3. The wooden post protective sleeve as set forth in claim 2, wherein the collar and the wooden post each have a rectangular configuration.

103 design choice.  
4. The wooden post protective sleeve as set forth in claim 2, wherein the collar and the wooden post each have a cylindrical configuration.